

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Epiphany 5

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Prayer: “Lord, take my hand and lead me, Upon life’s way; Direct, protect, and feed me, From day to day. Without Your grace and favor, I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.” Amen. (Hymn #439, v. 1)

The Service of Word and Sacrament

(The Hymnal, page 26.)

The Hymns: 372 – 428 – 87, v. 3 – 416/415 – 439.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

The Old Testament Reading: Job 7:1-7 – Job laments the futility of life without God. Life can be bitter, hard, painful, useless. Only Jesus can give meaning to our lives now and give us eternal life in heaven.

Psalm 103, page 105.

The Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-30 (sermon text).

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 – Job in our Old Testament reading questioned – even challenged! – God’s wisdom and mercy. Here we have God’s answer – His almighty Son, our compassionate Savior.

The Sermon: Romans 8:28-30 –

Life Isn’t Perfect, BUT...

I. God has the perfect plan for us.

II. God is carrying out His perfect plan for us.

III. We can be sure God will fulfill His plan for us.

For our prayer after the offering we will use the responsive Epiphany prayer on page 124 in the front of the hymnal.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John’s

Monday

1:45 p.m.

Bingo

Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

Ladies’ Choir practice

Wednesday

3:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Friday-Saturday

6:30 p.m.

Special Church Council meeting

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

SonBEAMS

9:15 a.m.

Worship (Holy Communion)

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

WALL B-Team tournament

9:15 a.m.

Worship

Sunday School/Bible Class/Valentine’s

School store open

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Our greeters are June Schmidt, Gwen, Maryn and Mason Rabbitt (early); John and Claudine Lehman (late).

Last Week: 174 (107+56+11) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 19 came to Sunday School and 50 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,802	\$241,862
Received	\$7,065	\$239,223

This includes \$1,170 in tuition from Friedens, Randolph. We also received \$7 for Madison chaplains, \$10 for Winnebago Lutheran Academy, and \$75 for the Chair fund (includes \$25 in memory of John, Charlotte and Omar Schmidt).

Chair Fund: We have now reached \$12,986 of the total cost of \$13,100 for the new tables and chairs in the fellowship hall. If you would like to make a special gift/memorial to help cover the remaining balance, please mark an envelope “chairs” and include your name or envelope number

Church Council: We will have a special meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. to review two proposals to replace our sound system. (It completely died before Christmas. We are currently using the system from the gym.)

WLA Thrift Store: Second Impressions Thrift Store is celebrating their 1st Anniversary! On Tuesday, February 6, all furniture is 25% off. On Wednesday, February 7, through Saturday, February 10, the entire store (except furniture) will be discounted from 25-50% off! Follow us on Facebook for additional information.

Sign-up sheet: On the counter in the fellowship hall is a sign-up sheet for the Ash Wednesday chili supper. Ash Wednesday is early this year – February 14.

Bingo: Our ladies will be hosting the bingo party at Continental Manor tomorrow (Monday) at 1:45 p.m. Anyone is invited to help!

A 4K-Kindergarten Fun Night will be held on Monday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. This will include a brief program by this year's class and an open house and round-up. All children who will be 4 by September 1st are invited to attend with their parents. For more information please call 928-3296 and ask for Mr. Schlavensky or Mrs. Schmitz. Everyone is welcome to come!

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14, and we will begin our Lenten journey to the cross. We will also begin our special Wednesday Lenten services at 3:15 and 7:00 p.m. (The Ash Wednesday services will be Communion services). The theme for our special Lenten services is Jesus' seven words from the cross. We will also have a "soup supper" on Ash Wednesday (serving from approximately 4:15-6:30 p.m.). May we ALL use these added opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much that He died and rose for us!

Concert: Our Martin Luther College will present a sacred concert at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown on Friday, February 16, at 1:45 p.m.

WLA News: To keep up on the news at WLA and to access the "WLA Anchor" newsletter, you can go to their website (www.wlavikings.org), click on the "news" tab and then the "publications" tab. There are also a few paper copies of the "Anchor" on the table in the fellowship hall across from the mailboxes if you would like one.

Easter Breakfast: Sisters in Faith will be coordinating the Easter (April 1) breakfast this year. We would like to form a committee of volunteers from the congregation (*not just* Sisters in Faith members) to help plan the breakfast. Right now on the counter in the fellowship hall is a sign-up sheet for volunteers who would like to help organize. Later we'll be looking for volunteers to help with donations or preparations. We look forward to working with you!

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